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QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered in depth the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling its resolution 45/21 of 20 November 1990,

Recalling also that, on 30 August 1988, the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro agreed in

principle to the proposals of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity in the context of their joint mission of good offices,

Recalling Security Council resolution 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988 concerning the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990 approving the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ which contained the full text of the settlement proposals as accepted by the two parties as well as an outline of the Secretary-General's plan for the implementation of those proposals,

Noting with satisfaction the section relating to Western Sahara in the Final Declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Countries held at Accra from 2 to 7 September 1991,

Having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2/

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General, 3/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Welcomes the unanimous adoption of resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Security Council approved the report submitted by the Secretary-General and decided to establish, under its authority, a United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

3. Welcomes also the entry into force of the cease-fire in Western Sahara on 6 September 1991, in accordance with the proposal of the Secretary-General accepted by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro;

4. Endorses the call by the Security Council upon the two parties to continue to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of his plan as described in his report contained in document S/21360 dated 18 June 1990 and amplified in his report contained in document S/22464 and Corr.1 dated 19 April 1991;

1/ S/21360.

2/ A/46/23 (Part V), chap. VIII.

3/ A/46/589.

5. Pays tribute to the Secretary-General for his action with a view to settling the question of Western Sahara by the implementation of his peace plan;

6. Expresses its full support for the efforts of the Secretary-General for the organization and supervision by the United Nations, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, in accordance with the objectives mentioned in his report to the Security Council dated 19 April 1991;

7. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara bearing in mind the ongoing referendum process and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

8. Invites the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.